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THERAPEUTIC USE

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**March 17, 2004**

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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, entry and  
consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	33	minus highest number			
previously paid for	51	(at least 20) =	0      x      \$ 18.00	\$	0.00
Independent claims after amendment	2	minus highest number			
previously paid for	6	(at least 3) =	0      x      \$ 86.00	\$	0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)				\$	0.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00				\$	0.00
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Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00)				\$	0.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$	0.00
Other:					0.00
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